Division Orders,

O. Division Militia

The serious aspect of our public affairs, at the present eventful crisis, renders it peculiarly expedient and proper, that the Militia, the great constitutional palladium of our national security, should be immediately put into a state of active preparation, as efficient in all essential respects, as the situation of the country and the existing circumstances of its inhabitants will permit.

And, as a series of events not unusual in a Militia constituted like our own, have recently operated a partial derangement in various parts of the Division, the Major General expects and requires that the Colonels and Commanding Officers of Regiments and Corps, will immediatly make proper returns of the names of all such persons as have been elected to offices, but who are not commissioned; and also, the like returns of all existing vacancies in their Regiments and Corps respectively, from whatever causes the same may have arisen; in order that such
variances may be filled, and the Officers elected be duly commissioned and qualified as speedily as possible.

In performing so requisite a part of their duty, the said Colonels and Commanding Officers, will be particular by careful to specify in their returns, not only the name of the person elected, but likewise his rank, his place of abode, and the contingency which occasioned the being elected, according to the printed forms, that have been heretofore distributed throughout the Division by the Deputy Adjutant General.

A frequent and attentive perusal of the present act, and a due observance of the duties thereby required, more especially such parts of the same law, as respect the arms and equipments of the Militia, and the annual and occasional returns to be made of the State of Brigades, Regiments and Companies, are at this time earnestly recommended and particularly enjoined on all, whom it may more immediately concern.

The Major General requests the Divisions to be as soon
that if (which may Heaven avert) an appeal to the Sword, the last resort of contending nations, should again become inevitable, either in defense of our Common Country, or in vindication of her Insulted Dignity or Violated Rights, he shall think himself unhappy, even beyond the common measure of human infirmity. Should a continuance of his present Misfortune prevent his yielding to the dictates of duty, or if requisite, of sharing with his brethren and comrades in arms, the sufferings and hardships, the toils and dangers of so honourable a contest.

It is hoped that, the great extent of country embraced by the Division, and the urgency of the occasion, will apologize for the above Order through the medium of a newspaper, especially, when it is considered that, a dereliction of established forms is not intended, wherever those may be consistent, with convenience and dispatch.

Wm. Livingston Just. Major General

Providence May 20, 1794.